

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 2017.

In the Matter of the Application of Grain Belt Express	)	
Clean Line LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and	)	
Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Own, Operate,	)	<b><u>File No. EA-2016-0358</u></b>
Control, Manage and Maintain a High Voltage, Direct	)	
Current Transmission Line and an Associated Converter	)	
Station Providing an Interconnection on the Maywood -	)	
Montgomery 345kV Transmission Line	)	

**ORDER DENYING APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING**

Issue Date: September 19, 2017

Effective Date: September 19, 2017

On August 16, 2017, the Missouri Public Service Commission issued a Report and Order effective September 15, 2017, regarding Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC's ("GBE") application for a certificate of convenience and necessity. On August 25, 2017, GBE and the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission each filed an Application for Rehearing. On the same day, the Missouri Landowners Alliance, Matthew and Christina Reichert, Charles and Robyn Henke, Randall and Roseanne Meyer, and R. Kenneth Hutchinson ("collectively, "MLA") also filed an Application for Rehearing. It is unclear whether MLA's filing is truly an application for rehearing because MLA states that the sole purpose of the filing is to preserve certain issues in the event the Commission significantly revises the Report and Order or the case is remanded following an appeal.<sup>1</sup> On

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<sup>1</sup>These applicants also included a separate request that the concurring opinion issued by four Commissioners be withdrawn, alleging that, that concurring opinion is an unlawful advisory opinion. This request is not appropriate because the concurring opinion is not a Report and Order of the Commission, but rather a separate opinion delivered by individual Commissioners agreeing with the Report and Order but offering their own reasoning concerning disputed issues in the case. The Commission cannot withdraw the concurring opinion because it is not an order of the Commission.

September 14, 2017, Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Renew Missouri Advocates jointly filed an Application for Rehearing.

Section 386.500.1, RSMo 2016, states that the Commission shall grant an application for rehearing if “in its judgment sufficient reason therefor be made to appear.” In the judgment of the Commission, none of the applications demonstrate sufficient reason to rehear the matter. The Commission will deny the Applications for Rehearing.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Missouri Landowners Alliance, Matthew and Christina Reichert, Charles and Robyn Henke, Randall and Roseanne Meyer, and R. Kenneth Hutchinson’s Application for Rehearing is denied.
2. Grain Belt Express Clean Line LLC’s Application for Rehearing is denied.
3. The Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission’s Application for Rehearing is denied.
4. Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Renew Missouri Advocates’ Application for Rehearing is denied.
5. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,  
Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge